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**Provo-** Dallas Earnshaw, Utah State Hospital Director, was named 2008 Honored Alumni of the BYU College of Nursing on October 9. Earnshaw provided the keynote address at the awards luncheon at Hinckley Alumni Center and was later recognized at the BYU Spectacular. The next morning Earnshaw participated in the BYU Homecoming Parade, riding on a convertible BMW. "The students were actually pretty fun, but probably more impressed with the car I was riding on," joked Earnshaw. As special guests of BYU President Samuelson, Earnshaw and his family were invited to watch the Homecoming game in the Presidents Lodge.



"It was a very special and humbling experience," stated Earnshaw, "I graduated from BYU in 1986 as a nurse practitioner and have enjoyed working with the faculty from BYU in developing excellent educational opportunities for nursing students." BYU College of Nursing continues to work closely with Utah State Hospital in developing a wonderful collaborative relationship with the nursing students in training.

Earnshaw has also been recognized as one of the first administrators to bring National Alliance for the Mentally III (NAMI) sponsored education programs into the hospital setting and is Vice-President of the Western Psychiatric State Hospital Association. Earnshaw promoted the development and implementation of a Best Practice Model and a collaborative relationship with state academic institutions. In 1999 he was the recipient of the DHS Manager of the Year award.